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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/784,956	Applicant(s) SUGAWARA, KEN'ICHI	
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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are pending in the application.
 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3, 9-13, 19 and 20 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 4-8 and 14-18 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 25 February 2004 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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| 3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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DETAILED ACTION

Priority

Receipt is acknowledged of papers submitted under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d), which papers have been placed of record in the file.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1-3, 9, 11-13 and 19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent no. 4,173,317 to Hamayasu et al.

Hamayasu et al disclose, among other things, a sound producing mechanism for use in a spinning reel having a reel unit and a spool that is disposed around a spool shaft, a fishing line being wound around and released from the spool, the sound producing mechanism producing sound by relative rotation between the spool 6 and the reel unit (1, 5), the spinning reel sound producing mechanism comprising: a first sound producing portion 11 having an attachment portion mounted to one of the spool and the reel unit, and a plurality of saw tooth portions 11a that are formed in a saw tooth shape circumferentially apart on an outer peripheral surface of the attachment portion; and a second sound producing portion 12 that is mounted to the other of the spool and the reel unit, and has a front end portion 12c that is configured to come into contact with the saw tooth portion 11a of the first sound producing portion 11, the first sound producing

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portion 11 being mounted to the one of the spool and the reel unit so as to be rotatable relative to the second sound producing portion when the spool rotates in a line releasing direction and unrotatable when the spool rotates in a line winding direction (see last 5 lines of Abstract).

Claims 10 and 20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent no 6,116,531 to Young.

Young discloses the use a pawl member and a spring member that urges the front end of the pawl member toward the saw tooth portions.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 4-8 and 14-18 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Emmanuel M Marcelo whose telephone number is 703-305-6597. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Katherine Matecki can be reached on 703-308-2688. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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